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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Field et al.
Serial No.: 10/051,322
Confirmation No.: 7967
Filed: January 18, 2002
For: SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD
OF USE
Examiner: Roberts, Paul A.
Art Unit: 3731

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

- [X] Amendment
- [X] One (1) New Drawing Sheet (Figure 42)
- [X] A Request for Approval of Proposed Drawings
- [X] Petition for Three (3) Month Extension of Time
- [X] Return Receipt Postcard

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	61	-	34	=	27	x	\$18	\$486.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	-	6	=		x	\$86	\$0
EXTENSION OF TIME								<u>\$950.00</u>

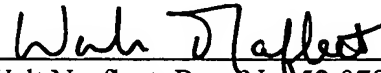
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT = \$1436.00

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8000, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$1,436.00 is enclosed, for extra claims and extension of time. If there are any deficiencies with this filing, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



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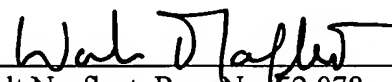
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWINGS

Sir:

Enclosed is one (1) page of a new proposed drawing for Figure 42. The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve this new proposed drawing.

Respectfully submitted,


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